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Hurricane Isabel Blows MWC

Hurricane Leaves Most Students In The Dark And Some Without Transportation

By AMY PRIBLE
Staff Writer

Hurricane Isabel was no lady when she slammed Mary Washington College late Thursday evening.

With wind gusts reaching up to 80 mph and trees snapping like twigs across campus, Isabel was one of the worst natural disasters to hit the college in some time.

According to Ruth Lovelace, director of Fire and Safety for Mary Washington College, it will still take a few days to begin to estimate the total damages done across campus.

"It's going to take a week to 10 days to even sort through the mess, let alone estimate total damages," she said. "There is a lot of roof damage and many, many trees down across campus, which I guarantee will end up costing the school a whole lot of money."

Lovelace was part of a team of professional staff members that carried out the college's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) throughout the storm.

The EOP staff consists of representatives from Residence Life, campus police, Facility Services and Psychological Services, as well as a few other offices on campus. Headquarters were set up in meeting room one of Woodard Campus Center, complete with telephones, TVs, radios and a generator.

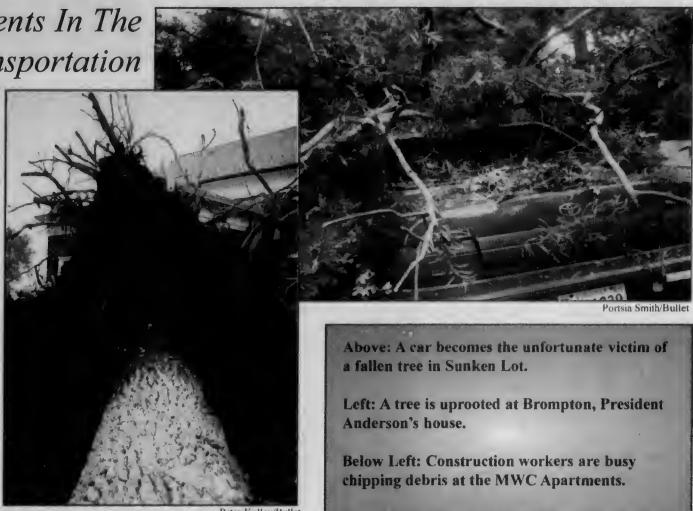
Staff members began preparing for the hurricane on Wednesday, constantly getting updates from the local weather service to assess what potential damage could be done to the college.

Lovelace said the decision to close early on Thursday came from President Anderson's office, but only after he had been briefed by several members of the college staff.

"Closing at 12:30 on Thursday was a really good call," Lovelace said. "They wanted to get a partial day in, and I don't think they could have done it better."

The Office of Residence Life and Housing briefed staff members on Wednesday night about hurricane

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Above: A car becomes the unfortunate victim of a fallen tree in Sunken Lot.

Left: A tree is uprooted at Brompton, President Anderson's house.

Below Left: Construction workers are busy chipping debris at the MWC Apartments.

Below: A light pole smashes a car in Sunken Lot.

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Hitting The Mark

Grade Report Shows A 2.98 GPA

By TERESA GEARY
Staff Writer

Students talk, brag and worry about grades. Surprisingly, so does the college.

While most students think of a grade point average as the college's way to keep track of them, it is also a way Mary Washington College keeps track of itself.

The average GPA in the spring of 2003 was 2.98.

Roughly 33 percent of grades distributed were either an A or A-, 82.37 percent of the grades were above a C and only 2.14 percent were Fs, according to a grade report distributed by Mary Washington College's Office of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research.

Roy Weinstock, vice president of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research, said the report is only the school's internal use.

"This is to give people a benchmark," he said. "We think it's important that faculty know what's going on outside their individual classrooms. If an unusual pattern shows up, it prompts discussion. Whatever discussion the report prompts is good."

Weinstock said grade inflation is a major topic

of discussion.

"Grade inflation is one of the most slippery issues you can talk about," he said. "But there is great consistency semester after semester with the departmental grades."

In fall of 2002 the average college GPA was 2.95, while fall of both 2001 and 2000 maintained a 2.96 GPA.

However, the grade report from spring of 1998 shows significantly different figures than later reports.

Only 27.86 percent of the grades issued in 1998 were As, 5.21 percent less than last spring. In addition, only 64.31 percent of grades were above a C, 18.06 percent less than last spring.

The report also shows the average GPA for each academic program.

During the past three years, the average GPA for the education program consistently resided in the school's top five while chemistry remained in the bottom five.

Chairperson and Associate Professor of Chemistry Kelli Shum said her department's grades might be low due to course difficulty.

"We've maintained our standards and haven't

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A Minor Situation

Pros And Cons Of Having A Minors Program

By JULIA HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College remains the only school in Virginia without minors, despite a strong student demand and the possible rise to university status.

A student survey conducted last spring showed that of 990 students, 88.5 percent want to have minors at the college and 87 percent feel having minors would make the college more attractive to prospective students. Regardless of these statistics, faculty voted against minors in a general faculty meeting in April.

Senior business major Pamela Jones agreed with the student majority. Jones said she completed a few economics courses and would continue to take more next semester if she could add the official minor to her resume.

"I'm disappointed that the minors program was voted down," she said. "Economics goes along with business and I definitely would have minored in it, and being a transfer student, I never had time to consider double majoring."

Jones said a minor would show she has at least some expertise in another academic area, which

would help her in the job-seeking process.

In conjunction with being the only school in Virginia without minors, Mary Washington College belongs to the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, a group consisting of 20 schools, which the college uses for comparative statistics. Of the 19 other schools, only two do not have minors. One of those schools, Evergreen State College, does not even have majors.

The faculty senate first rejected the minors program in an 11 to 13 vote in December 2002, but Assistant Professor of Computer Science Jennifer Polack-Wahl reintroduced the minors proposal for a full faculty vote.

"We should get in line with the rest of the institutions and give credit where credit is due," Polack-Wahl said.

According to Phil Hall, dean of the Faculty and vice-president of Academic Affairs, Polack-Wahl was in the minority.

"The whole faculty voted it down," Hall said. "I remember just a few 'ayes' and a bunch of 'nays.' It wasn't even close."

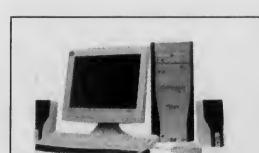
However, the college community may see the proposal raised again since Assistant Professor of

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The music industry cracks down on copyright violators. Page 8.

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Verbatim...

"College students do so little work because we are raised in a society where everyone does everything half-assed and there is no punishment."

-senior Michael Plummer, p. 5



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BY ADINA YOUNG
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from William Street with a bottle of beer in his hand. When he saw the officer, he ducked behind a parked car. The officer went inside the store that the male had just left and asked the store clerk if the male had purchased a bottle of beer. The store clerk suspected that he had stolen it and the officer pursued the 19-year-old. The 19-year-old was arrested for shoplifting, underage drinking and obstruction of justice.

Sept. 20—At 2 a.m., it was reported that a male resident of Mason Hall had torn out a window screen from the inside of the residence hall. When the officer responded, he was given a description of the suspect and when the officer saw him and tried to approach him, the student tried to flee. The 19-year-old male student was found to be intoxicated and was also arrested and charged with obstruction of property.

Sept. 20—At 3:19 a.m. a resident assistant informed the campus police that she found a can of beer in Russell Hall. The beer was confiscated and destroyed.

Sept. 21—At 5:26 a.m., it was reported that between Sept. 19 and 21, seven vehicles were damaged by tree limbs due to the hurricane all around campus.

Sept. 21—At 1 a.m., a resident reported finding alcohol in two rooms in Russell Hall. The resident assistant confiscated the alcohol and disposed of it. The 20-year-old and 19-year-old male students were charged with underage drinking and referred to the administration.

Sept. 22—At 9:17 a.m., it was reported that the air compressor behind Alvey Hall was on fire. By the time officers arrived at the scene, the fire had already been put out by Facility Services.

Sept. 22—At 10:06 a.m., it was reported that a Mazda Protege was parked illegally in the Sunken Road North lot. The vehicle owned by a 20-year-old female resident of New Hall was blocking a car from exiting. She was issued three tickets and her vehicle was towed.

Sept. 22—At 12:20 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle driving on the wrong side of Sunken Road and Back Drive. The 17-year-old male driver was accompanied by an 18-year-old female passenger, both were intoxicated. They were taken into police custody and the 18-year-old female was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Sept. 23—At 10:09 p.m., a resident assistant reported a strong odor of marijuana coming from a room in South Hall. When the officer arrived on the scene, he saw the smoke as well as smoking devices, but no marijuana. The Fredericksburg Police brought in drug dogs to find the marijuana. The 20-year-old male student in the room was high and began cursing and speaking very abusive language to the officer. The student was arrested and charged by the campus police with possession of marijuana and intent to sell.

Minors? No Minors?

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business administration Dan Hubbard pointed out that the vote against minors creates juxtaposition with the administration's eagerness to become a university.

"When we get to university status it will be a moot point," Hubbard said. "We'll lose accreditation if we don't have minors."

The main argument against a minors program, which was originally introduced by the Academic Affairs Committee, came from faculty members concerned with the possible ramifications the program may have on the smaller departments.

Craig Vasey, chairman of the classics, philosophy and religion (CPR) department, worried that smaller programs "could go on the endangered species list" if minors were installed.

According to Vasey, the reason for worry is the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia's "productivity guidelines" for Virginia Colleges and Universities. According to these guidelines, a department must graduate a certain number of students from an academic department every three years or else the department goes under investigation, with risk of being shut down.

Vasey said in the past, CPR was required to graduate 15 students over a three year period, but last year the requirement was boosted to 24 graduates every three years.

Faculty Senate President Ernest Ackerman said he sympathized with Vasey's case.

"I think many [faculty members] feel that if we don't know what will happen, maybe we just shouldn't do it," he said.

Vasey said the department is not threatened this year since they are graduating 20 CPR majors, but classics has a history of worrying, especially since there were years when the department barely met the minimum.

"There is nothing wrong with minors in principle," Vasey said. "I don't think anyone has a problem with that, but it's an unknown that is somewhat worrisome."

Black-Wahl, on the other hand, argued that a minors program will actually help the smaller departments. She said people interested in the classics will choose a minor in CPR and consequently, increase the enrollment.

With the opportunity to minor, "more people will take more of their classes," Black-Wahl said. "Double majoring doesn't work for everyone."

However, Vasey said his concern is that he will lose his double majors if a minors program is

installed, and the Council does not give credit for minors. Vasey also said about 50 percent of CPR majors are double majors. His point is verified by the students survey which states 66 percent of double majors would choose to minor.

But according to Hubbard almost any problem has a solution. He suggested taking the accounting department and placing it with CPR, physics or any other small department as one possible solution. Hubbard said he has about 60 accounting students, and this number could help graduation rates.

"There's no reason we can't have 'music and accounting,'" Hubbard said. "But people don't want change. They assume all change is bad."

Hubbard said he is disappointed with the Council for Higher Education for putting pressure and requirements on the liberal arts departments that are causing these fears of change.

He also said that there is a market for minors and employers often look for a minor to be tagged on the resume of a student with noteworthy knowledge in a field of study.

Gary Johnson, director of Career Services, said students can list 10 hours in a discipline on their resume, which employers may see as the equivalent of having a minor, but minors are often more structured.

"My opinion is minors can be helpful, but it's not crucial," Johnson said.

While the statistics show that most students want minors, some don't want to see double majors diminish.

"Having a double major looks more impressive," said sophomore Katie Green, a political science and American studies major.

Green said she would not opt to minor in either discipline if given the opportunity.

Green said she thinks it's easy to double major at this college because students have enough credits and enough time. She also said not having a minors program doesn't put off prospective students.

Sophomore English major Emily Williams said she considered minoring in theatre when she was a senior in high school, but later realized it would not help her with career choices.

"I knew there wasn't a minors program, but that never deterred me from applying here," Williams said.

Both agree that Mary Washington College's reputation can withstand some of the negative play it gets for being the only school in Virginia without a minors program.

"It's a very minor con as opposed to the pros," Williams said.

Campus Sustains Damages



Portia Smith/Bullet

Student cars parked in Sunken lot were damaged by trees and a light pole.

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preparations and "Shelter In Place" - the second time in college history that students were confined to the residence halls. The first "lockdown" occurred in late August of 1999 when Hurricane Bonnie hit Fredericksburg.

"Shelter In Place" began at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, which meant any student living in a residence hall had to either be signed out or remain in the building until further notice. There were waivers students could sign relieving the college of any liability if they chose to leave during "Shelter In Place."

Lovelace said she was very pleased at how well the students behaved throughout "Shelter In Place," which she was concerned about how many students came and went during the storm. She said Residence Life is now working with the Attorney General to see how far they can go with the restrictions in future disasters.

"It was just too much to worry about," Lovelace said. "Too many people were coming and going and we didn't know who was in or who was out. If something happened, such as a tornado, we wouldn't be able to get an accurate count of who was missing."

Susan Knick, director of Conference Management for the college, also served with the EOP staff throughout the storm.

"We had everything we needed in [the room]," she said. "The EOP has procedures for everything, from a dog bite to massive natural disasters."

Knick said the EOP staff had a color coded map of the campus which had the total number of residents present in each building and marked the marshalling points for each section of campus in case students had to evacuate because of a tornado.

She also said radios were present in each residence hall so that even if the power went out, everyone could remain in contact with the EOP headquarters.

The electricity went out across campus around 9 p.m. Thursday night. Power to half of the campus was back by late Friday morning. The MWC Apartments which suffered the most damage, didn't get power until Saturday morning.

Hot water and cable were the last of the utilities to be turned back on after the storm. Many students were forced to shower with cold water until Sunday. Cable returned late Monday afternoon, to the relief of several students who were afraid they would miss the first episode of the final "Friends" season.

The main damage to the college occurred because of downed trees, several of which landed on student cars across campus.

"I almost cried because I thought my car was smashed," junior Tenezeth Bishop said. "Someone

Not Many Down In The Underground

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to us—what's important to us is the ability to serve as many Mary Washington College students as we can and with the Underground in the state it's in right now, we won't be able to get as wide a variety of musical and comedic acts."

Goodstein said organizations will be responsible for ensuring that crowds for their events stay below capacity in the Underground. If the capacity is above 100, events will be shut down.

Not everyone who used to frequent the Underground is willing to accept new policies so easily. Mancini feels students should counter the changes.

"I think that there needs to be some sort of student action," Mancini said. "A petition was talked about, but needs to be followed through with."

Students said the Underground seems different. Many smokers don't socialize there anymore.

"People hang out outside of the Underground instead of inside," Solomon said. "I don't know what will happen in the winter."

Mancini said she observed similar differences.

"At night, the crowd [was] very homogenized," Mancini said. "[It was] the smoke and study group. The changes have really completely altered my social life, because my group of friends, who were basically centered around the Underground at night, don't have a place to convene anymore."

Munoz said she is maintaining a positive outlook.

"Despite all the changes, I still think the Underground is one of the most unique places on campus," she said. "If people haven't been there, smokers or not, they should still check it out anyway."

MWC: Grade A College

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went home with any grade inflation," she said. "We try very hard to work with our students to get their grades where they would like them to be, but I also think chemistry is intuitively a hard subject. You either get chemistry or chemistry gets you."

"With the Underground at half capacity, the students with more obscure musical preferences are marginalized," Giant Productions has fewer opportunities to find the next "Dave Matthews" and local artists have one less stage to express themselves on," he said. "The ticket sales are not really important

in the building at night," he said.

"Everyone should have a 3.5 for the amount of work they do."

Schenkel said she thinks the college is academically rigorous beyond its reputation. She

said part of the high pressure to do well at Mary Washington College is the atmosphere.

"It's so small you can't hide," she said. "You can't skip class because you'll see your teacher at Sammy T's."

Schenkel, a student in the education department, said she thinks the education department's GPA is consistently high because education majors are all aware that education helps their GPA.

"We put in a lot of time," she said. "Our grades are much more based on group meetings and lesson plans. What we do is harder to evaluate. You can't give tests on how to be a teacher, you just have to do it. I'm making lesson plans and diagrams at three in the morning. Sometimes I'd rather take a test."

Viewpoints

Editorial

President Bush defended his invasion of Iraq in front of the United Nations Tuesday despite vehement criticism from world leaders. They condemned the U.S.'s unilateral action in Iraq as destructive to the United Nations and international cooperation.

The quagmire of Iraq has swallowed American lives, Iraqi lives, American taxpayer money, and President Bush's presidential credibility.

The war has yielded few of the fruits it promised to deliver, and Saddam is still at-large. America's sons and daughters continue to die for a faltering cause, answering Bush's declaration with the phrase "Bring them on" with regard to anti-American militants.

Now Bush is appealing to the United Nations for help, the same organization he defied earlier this year, trying to convince the world of the imminent threat that Saddam Hussein's regime posed.

If Bush completely alienates the world community, we become a rogue state. Now it appears that the much of the world, especially Europe, was insane for opposing unilateral American action. Now Bush is asking the United Nations to help clean up his mess, a mess the UN opposed in the first place. The United Nations may not be a perfect institution, but it is the world's first successful forum for peaceful dialogue and conflict resolution. If the Bush administration has issues with the UN, it should work to reform the UN, not start a war halfway across the world without its sanction, destroying the spirit of reasonable cooperation that the organization was founded on after World War II.

Bush and his conservative cronies possess a conviction in the "messianic" nature of American democracy, seeking to spread the gospel of the Declaration of Independence throughout the world by force. Bush is delusional for viewing the U.S. government as possessing moral authority. We have often been hypocritical; our actions have not always reflected our egalitarian ideals. Arrogance has become the default posture of our foreign policy and political discourse.

Hurricane Isabel Touches Us All



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Letters to the Editor

Crime And Punishment

Dear Editor:

I am a recent graduate of the University of Virginia and was shocked to read your article titled "Unlawful Entry" (*Bullet*, Sept. 11, 2003).

Never have I seen a student newspaper single out an individual prior to determining if any crime has been committed.

In article, I thought *The Bullet* decided to imply that Orrin Konheim was guilty until proven innocent!

Mary Washington is a relatively small, intimate school in which most students tend to know each other.

You can imagine the embarrassment of having an article printed in the student newspaper accusing you of stealing women's underwear? Simply put, *The Bullet* cannot continue to print such material until the individual has been found guilty.

Just for the record, Orrin has since been found innocent on all charges, and I fully expect *The Bullet* to print a front page story exonerating him and

"Guilty until proven innocent"

Disaster 911

Dear Editor:

Well, we are preparing for the hurricane! Now it's time to get the jugs of water and non-perishable foods, flashlights, and batteries. If you have children in college or school, they are wondering if there will be closings. To tell you the truth, I think there will be closings.

But, while thinking about Hurricane Isabel coming, I've realized we've really had one disaster after the other over the last few years. Anthrax, the sniper, terrorism, and now the hurricane. These, and whatever other circumstances that we already had to deal with.

Let's just deal with the situations as they come!

Let's be the team as we are, and help one another through this. Let's hope for the better! Be safe!

Erika Hillard is an administrative assistant for the James Farmer Scholars Program

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Mum, There's A Hurricane

By INAKI GONZALO

GUEST POET

Creative Composition

Mum, I'm in my room. The light is on. I'm ironing. My window would be closed because there's a hurricane.

Because there's a hurricane all the people are inside the building, safe, inside the buildings.

Outside there's Hurricane Isabel, we call.

I'm ironing, mum, with pleasure. I'm thinking in you, I feel alone just like other times, other days. Mum, you have to be proud of me, I know you are but you have to feel it like something hard that you have inside you and you can't forget. Like your heart go on, always.

It's great ironing, mum.

Maybe it's going to be my work in the future, would you like it? Mum, you might. I love ironing in my room, here, wherever, while I'm thinking in you.

Mum, trees are breaking down, they're shutting strongly and then falling. No more, the leaves don't kill themselves, they fall too. Mum, there's a hurricane outside and all the people are inside.

A policeman is outside checking that tree which is losing its parts, mum, now I'm outside, I'm allowed to be outside. Don't worry mum, I'm outside with the hurricane.

Yes, mum, today we remember that we're not alone in this why do I feel empty sometimes?

Mum, this Isabel (hurricane) is going harder and harder so I don't know much time am I going to be allowed to be here, outside, with her or him.

Mum, I work here as a language coordinator, yes, you know, I work about language, I speak this language, or that one, with him or her.

Mum, I know that languages are so poor and that life is so beautiful and short that we can also take that other way, on silence—the first way we met—and put it together.

Also the hurricane can speak to you, but I prefer not to understand him and just listen.

That red rose on the corner, for example, when she smiles, just a little you can understand the mysteries of this so answerthat people look for in books since the beginning of the history.

Mum, I don't want to be always your son, mum.

I want to take my heart all and put it in the center of this world's spirit.

Mum, I want a silence like today while one hurricane is passing. I want the people thinking in how something more important than Isabel is passing all the days in our this life, and please, mum, que la rosa no pierda jamás su sonrisa, like your heart go on, always.

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Local youth residents handle the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel.

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from William Street with a bottle of beer in his hand. When he saw the officer, he ducked behind a parked car. The officer went inside the store that the male had just left and asked the store clerk if the male had purchased a bottle of beer. The store clerk suspected that he had stolen it and the officer pursued the 19-year-old. The 19-year-old was arrested for shoplifting, underage drinking and obstruction of justice.

Sept. 20—At 2 a.m., it was reported that a male resident of Mason Hall had torn out a window screen from the inside of the residence hall. When the officer responded, he was given a description of the suspect and when the officer saw him and tried to approach him, the student tried to flee. The 19-year-old male student was found to be intoxicated and was also arrested and charged with obstruction of property.

Sept. 20—At 3:19 a.m. a resident assistant informed the campus police that she found a can of beer in Russell Hall. The beer was confiscated and destroyed.

Sept. 21—At 5:26 a.m., it was reported that between Sept. 19 and 21, seven vehicles were damaged by tree limbs due to the hurricane all around campus.

Sept. 21—At 1 a.m., a resident reported finding alcohol in two rooms in Russell Hall. The resident assistant confiscated the alcohol and disposed of it. The 20-year-old and 19-year-old male students were charged with underage drinking and referred to the administration.

Sept. 22—At 11:17 a.m., it was reported that the air compressor behind Alvey Hall was on fire. By the time officers arrived at the scene, the fire had already been put out by Facility Services.

Sept. 22—At 10:06 a.m., it was reported that a Mazda Protege was parked illegally in the Sunken Road North lot. The vehicle owned by a 20-year-old female resident of New Hall was blocking a car from exiting. She was issued three tickets and her vehicle was towed.

Sept. 22—At 12:20 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle driving on the wrong side of Sunken Road and Back Drive. The 17-year-old male driver was accompanied by a 18-year-old female passenger, both were intoxicated. They were taken into police custody and the 18-year-old female was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Sept. 23—At 10:09 p.m., a resident assistant reported a strong odor of marijuana coming from a room in South Hall. When the officer arrived on the scene, he saw the smoke as well as smoking devices, but no marijuana. The Fredericksburg Police brought in drug dogs to find the marijuana. The 20-year-old male student in the room was high and began cursing and speaking very abusive language to the officer. The student was arrested and charged by the campus police with possession of marijuana and intent to sell.

Campus Sustains Damages



Portia Smith/Bullet

Student cars parked in Sunken lot were damaged by trees and a light pole.

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preparations and "Shelter In Place" - the second time in college history that students were confined to the residence halls. The first "lockdown" occurred in late August of 1999 when Hurricane Bonnie hit Fredericksburg.

"Shelter In Place" began at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, which meant any student living in a residence hall had to either be signed out or remain in the building until further notice. There were waivers students could sign relieving the college of any liability if they chose to leave during "Shelter In Place."

Lovelace said she was very pleased at how well the students behaved throughout "Shelter In Place," but she was concerned about how many students came and went during the storm. She said Residence Life is now working with the Attorney General to see how far they can go with the restrictions in future disasters.

"It was just too much to worry about," Lovelace said. "Too many people were coming and going and we didn't know who was in or who was out. If something happened, such as a tornado, we wouldn't be able to get an accurate count of who was missing."

Susan Knick, director of Conference Management for the college, also served with the EOP staff throughout the storm.

"We had everything we needed in [the room]," she said. "EOP has procedures for everything, from a dog bite to massive natural disasters."

Knick said the EOP staff had a color coded map of the campus which had the total number of residents present in each building and marked the marshalling points for each section of campus in case students had to evacuate because of a tornado.

She also said radios were present in each residence hall so that even if the power went out, everyone could remain in contact with the EOP headquarters.

The electricity went out across campus around 9 p.m. Thursday night. Power to half of the campus was back by Friday morning. The MWC Apartments, which suffered the most damage, didn't get power until Saturday morning.

Hot water and cable were the last of the utilities to be turned back on after the storm. Many students were forced to shower with cold water until Sunday. Cable returned late Monday afternoon, to the relief of several students who were afraid they would miss the first episode of the final "Friends" season.

The main damage to the college occurred because of downed trees, several of which landed on student cars across campus.

"I almost cried because I thought my car was smashed," junior Tenezeah Bishop said. "Someone

told me that a bunch of cars had been smashed by trees right in the middle of the storm, and I was so worried that one of them was mine. I worried about it the rest of the night."

Although Bishop was lucky, at least four students were not. Trees lining Sunken Road fell into the north Sunken lot, bringing the metal chain link fence and a light pole with them.

Sophomore Nam Duong's car, which had been parked in the Randolph lot, was damaged in the storm.

"A tree fell on my car," Duong said. "I found out Friday morning when I looked out the window. Then a guy from Facility Services came to me that morning because he had seen the damage and wanted to move the car out of the way. He said they would tow it free of charge."

Duong's 1992 Acura Legend remains at Facility Services and the cost of damage has not been determined.

"It's just bad luck," he said. "It's unfortunate, really."

Lovelace said she was glad the campus sustained only minimal damage.

"We got lucky," she said. "Areas around us got a lot harder than we did. It could have been much worse."

Both Lovelace and Knick were agreed with the overall turnout of help and support across campus. They both felt the Wood Company did an exceptional job keeping students and staff fed before, during and after the storm.

Seacobeck dining hall and the Eagles Nest provided take-away meals to students on Thursday, including dinner for Thursday evening and breakfast for Friday morning.

The Eagles Nest remained closed until Saturday. However, Seacobeck ran a normal schedule on Friday, despite being without power for most of the day.

"I was absolutely amazed with the cooperation, dedication, hard work and effort that went into the preparation and follow through of the people involved: students, staff, you name it," Lovelace said. "We couldn't have done this alone."

In a statement released by the President's office, Bill Anderson said he was too was very pleased with the cooperation shown during the hurricane.

"The college's EOP staff did a wonderful job in preparing and implementing our emergency plan," he said. "I want to especially thank the people in Facility Services and the police department for keeping our campus safe during the power outage and throughout the entire hurricane. This proves, yet again, that we are lucky to have a very capable, excellent staff. It was a job well done by everyone including the students."

Not Many Down In The Underground

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to us—what's important to us is the ability to serve as many Mary Washington College students as we can and with the Underground in the state it's in right now, we won't be able to get as wide a variety of musical and comedic acts."

Groodstein said organizations will be responsible for ensuring that crowds for their events stay below capacity in the Underground. If the capacity is above 100, events will be shut down.

Not everyone who used to frequent the Underground is willing to accept the new policies so easily. Mancini feels students should counter the changes.

"I think that there needs to be some sort of student action," Mancini said. "A petition was talked about, but needs to be followed through with."

Students said the Underground seems different. Many smokers don't socialize there anymore.

"People hang out outside of the Underground instead of inside," Solomon said. "I don't know what will happen in the winter."

Mancini said she observed similar differences.

"At night the crowd was very homogenized," Mancini said. "[It was] the smoke and study group. The changes have really completely altered my social life, because my group of friends, who were basically centered around the Underground at night, don't have a place to convene anymore."

Munoz said she is maintaining a positive outlook.

"Despite all the changes, I still think the Underground is one of the most unique places on campus," she said. "If people haven't been there, smokers or not, they should still check it out anyway."

MWC: Grade A College

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said part of the high pressure to do well at Mary Washington College is the atmosphere.

"It's so small you can't hide," she said. "You can't skip class because you'll see your teacher at Sammy T's."

Schenkel, a student in the education department, said she thinks the education department's GPA is consistently high because education majors are all aware that education helps their GPA.

"We put in a lot of time," she said. "Our grades are much more based on group meetings and lesson plans. What we do is harder to evaluate. You can't give tests on how well a teacher, you just have to do it. I'm making lesson plans and dioramas at three in the morning. Sometimes I'd rather take a test."

Viewpoints

Editorial

President Bush defended his invasion of Iraq in front of the United Nations Tuesday despite vehement criticism from world leaders. They condemned the U.S.'s unilateral action in Iraq as destructive to the United Nations and international cooperation.

The quagmire of Iraq has swallowed American lives, Iraqi lives, American taxpayer money, and President Bush's presidential credibility.

The war has yielded few of the fruits it promised to deliver, and Saddam is still at-large. America's sons and daughters continue to die for a faltering cause, answering Bush's declaration with the phrase "Bring them on" with regard to anti-American militants.

Now Bush is appealing to the United Nations for help, the same organization he defied earlier this year, trying to convince the world of the imminent threat that Saddam Hussein's regime posed.

If Bush completely alienates the world community, we become a rogue state. Now it appears that the much of the world, especially Europe, was insane for opposing unilateral American action. Now Bush is asking the United Nations to help clean up his mess, a mess the UN opposed in the first place. The United Nations may not be a perfect institution, but it is the world's first successful forum for peaceful dialogue and conflict resolution. If the Bush administration has issues with the UN, it should work to reform the UN, not start a war halfway across the world without its sanction, destroying the spirit of reasonable cooperation that the organization was founded on after World War II.

Bush and his conservative cronies possess a conviction in the "messianic" nature of American democracy, seeking to spread the gospel of the Declaration of Independence throughout the world by force. Bush is delusional for viewing the U.S. government as possessing moral authority. We have often been hypocritical, our actions have not always reflected our egalitarian ideals. Arrogance has become the default posture of our foreign policy and political discourse.

Hurricane Isabel Touches Us All



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Letters to the Editor

Crime And Punishment

Dear Editor:

I am a recent graduate of the University of Virginia and was shocked to read your article titled "Unlawful entry" (*Bullet*, Sept. 11, 2003).

Never have I seen a student newspaper single out an individual prior to determining if any crime has been committed.

In its article, I

thought *The Bullet* decided to imply that Orrin Kohneim was guilty until proven innocent!

Mary Washington

is a relatively small,

intimate school in

which most students

tend to know each other.

Can you imagine the embarrassment of having an article printed in the student newspaper accusing you of stealing women's underwear? Simply put, *The Bullet* cannot continue to print such material until the individual has been found guilty.

Just for the record, Orrin has since been found innocent on all charges, and I fully expect *The Bullet* to print a front page story exonerating him and

"Guilty until proven innocent"

issuing an apology for its remarkably careless reporting.

Adam Kalkstein is a second year graduate student at Arizona State University

Disaster 911

Dear Editor:

Well, we are preparing for the hurricane! Now it's time to get the jugs of water and non-perishable foods, flashlights, and batteries. If you have children in college or school, they are wondering if there will be closings. To tell you the truth, I think there will be closings.

But, while thinking about Hurricane Isabel coming, I've realized we've really had one disaster after the other over the last few years. Anthrax, the sniper, terrorism, and now the hurricane. These, and whatever other circumstances that we already had to deal with.

Let's just deal with the situations as they come!

Let's be the team as we are, and help one another through this. Let's hope for the better! Be safe!

Erika Hilliard is an administrative assistant for the James Farmer Scholars Program

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Mum, There's A Hurricane

By INAKI GONZALO
GUEST POET

Creative Composition

*Mum, I'm in my room. The light is on.
I'm ironing. My window would be closed because
there's a hurricane.*

*Because there's a hurricane all the people are inside
the building, safe, inside the buildings.*

Outside there's Hurricane Isabel, we call.

*I'm ironing, mum, with pleasure. I'm thinking in
you, I'm alone just like other times, other days.
Mum, you have to be proud of me, I know you are but
you have to feel it like something hard that you have
inside you and you can't forget. Like your heart go on,
always.*

It's great ironing, mmm.

*Maybe it's going to be my work in the future, would
you like it? Mum, you might.
I love ironing in my room, here, wherever, while I'm
thinking in you.*

*Mum, trees are breaking down, they're shuttling
strongly and then falling. No num, the leaves don't kill
themselves, they fall too. Mum, there's a hurricane
outside and all the people are inside.*

*A policeman is outside checking that tree which is
losing its parts, mum, now I'm outside, I'm allowed to
be outside. Don't worry mum, I'm outside with the
hurricane.*

*Yes, mum, today we remember that we're not alone
in this why do I feel empty sometimes?*

*Mum, this Isabel (hurricane) is going harder and
harder so I don't know much time am I going to be
allowed to be here, outside , with her or him.*

*Mum, I work here as a language coordinator, yes,
you know, I work about language, I speak this
language, or that one, with him or with her.*

*Mum, I know that languages are so poor and that
life is so beautiful and short that we can also take
that other way, on silence—the first way we met—and
put it together.*

*Also the hurricane can speak to you, but I prefer
not to understand him and just listen .*

*That red rose on the corner, for example, when
she smiles, just a little you can understand the
mysteries of this so answerless people look for in
books since the beginning of the history.*

Mum, I don't want to be always your son, mum.

*I want to take my heart all and put it in
the center of this world's spirit.*

*Mum, I want a silence like today while one
hurricane is passing. I want the people thinking in
how something more important than Isabel is passing
all the days in our life, and please, mum que la
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always.*

Inaki Gonzalo is Spanish Language Coordinator

**Local youth
residents
handle the
aftermath of
Hurricane
Isabel.**

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Features



Making the Grade How Often Do Students Really Study?

By KRISTEN SKOVE
Copy Editor

Most professors at Mary Washington College expect students to spend at least one hour in preparation for each class meeting. Many, like Associate Professor of Mathematics Suzanne Sumner, believe that students need more time.

"Two hours should be enough if you keep up," Sumner said.

She said most students are prepared, despite the growing number of people who are working, going to school, and don't have as much time to devote to homework.

Sumner, who has been teaching at the college for 11 years, said the students continue to impress her.

"They are probably some of the best students I've taught because they take their educations very seriously," she said.

The general rule of thumb is that a student should spend at least two hours outside of class preparing for every hour spent in class. Using that formula, a student taking a light course load of only 12 credit hours (or four classes), which is the minimum requirement for full-time status at most schools, should spend 24 hours on schoolwork each week.

How many college students follow the two-to-one ratio and devote the recommended amount of time to their schoolwork?

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) 2002 Report stated, "about two-fifths of all students spend ten or fewer hours per week preparing for class."

Andrew Mollison of the Cox Washington Bureau reported that 47 percent of college students in 2000 claimed to spend six to 15 hours a week studying, while nine percent said they spent less than that.

Students at Mary Washington College are at both ends of the spectrum when it



All photos courtesy of Julia Hoffman/Bullet

Clockwise from top: Rows of books at Simpson Library, junior Jeff Golden studies on a bench on campus walk, senior Kenny Lackey reads at the library, seniors Jade McLaurin and Anne Litz do homework at the Eagles Nest.

comes to the time commitment they make to their studies.

In an anonymous voluntary survey of 14 Mary Washington College students in Fall 2002, 10 students indicated that they generally feel prepared for class, while four said they did not. Of the students who participated, 10 were sophomores, three juniors, and one a senior. Across the board, students' responses to survey questions showed that they felt they should study more.

A sophomore biology major who took the survey said he thought he should study



at least 21 hours each week—13 hours fewer than the amount of time the two-to-one rule suggests—for his 17-credit course load. He said he spent only seven hours a week on schoolwork. The same student indicated that he feels that his classmates

are significantly more prepared than he is. However, not all students who come close to their recommended study time feel entirely prepared.

A sophomore history major who studied anywhere from four to eight hours a day—

28-52 hours a week—described her level of preparedness for class lectures as solid, but for tests as "iffy."

Senior Meredith Dunham, an English

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Photo courtesy of www.animation.com

An anime character revs it up.

Anyone is welcome to join the Japanese Animation Club every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in Ball Hall parlor.

An Anime-ted Group Japanese Animation Club Gains Speed

By NICOLE LARSON
Staff Writer

On Tuesday evenings, instead of watching reality TV shows like "The Real World" or "Road Rules," 26 Mary Washington College students choose to watch cartoons. But they're not your average Saturday morning cartoons. For the Japanese Animation Club, animation, or "anime," is a respected and expressive form of Japanese culture.

The Japanese Animation Club meets every Tuesday night at 9 p.m. in the Ball Hall parlor. Its goal is to educate students about Japanese culture through watching animation.

"We want to help people become more culturally aware," said sophomore Shannon Page-Buez, vice president of the club. "We can show them the humor in Japanese animation programming and help people get beyond language barriers."

Sophomore Paula Singson, president of the club, said that she also wants people to explore other programs besides the traditional Americanized television shows.

"I want to help give people the appreciation of a good story," Singson said. "American television is becoming so bland with all this reality TV."

At the end of each meeting, all members vote on a short movie that they will watch at the next meeting. Members make sure to select a variety of comedic and dramatic films. This week, the selected movie was "Rurouni Kenshin," which translates to "Kenshin the Wanderer." The movie is about Kenshin

Himura, who struggles to forget his painful past as an assassin.

While no actual drawing of Japanese animation occurs, Singson takes time at the very beginning of the meeting to discuss some basic fundamentals of the Japanese language.

"Hiragana is the name of Japanese words which lack western influence, whereas Katakana are non-Japanese words which do have a western influence," explained Singson. "If you want to greet someone in Japanese, you say 'konnichiwa' which translates to 'good afternoon.'"

Singson noted some semantic differences between English and Japanese. For example, in America there are many different derogatory words to choose from when insulting someone. In Japan, it is the way a word is said that determines how it should be interpreted.

Page-Buez elaborated on the subject.

"In Japanese, the word for 'you' can actually be used as an insult, depending on the tone of voice," she said.

Matt Arnold founded the Japanese Animation Club two years ago, and served as its first president, with Annie Gerow as the vice president. Now the Club is still in a developmental stage, as its current officers try to mold it into something that inspires its members.

"I want to get rid of the stereotypes which surround people who watch anime," Singson said. "Most people think we're going to drop out of college and not do anything with our lives."

Other members said they joined the Japanese Animation club because it provides another avenue to explore a part of Asian culture that might otherwise be overlooked in school.

"I love Japanese entertainment, literature, music and TV," said junior Rachel Piepenburg, club co-president. "I took a year of college Japanese in NOVA, and since then, I have been watching anime to help keep up with the culture."

For some, the club gives them something in common with

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Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



To no school
on the
hurricane days
last week.



To Family
Weekend
being
cancelled.



To the first
day of fall
last Tuesday.



To trees
falling on
cars.

Send your own thumbs to bullet@mwc.edu

Students' Study Habits Revealed

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and religion major, took 15 credits last fall and spent approximately 15 hours a week studying.

"I generally feel prepared for my classes," Dunham said. "If I don't, it's usually because I had to skim the reading because it was too long to finish."

Dunham said that she thinks her classmates do about the same amount of work that she does and are pretty much equally prepared. "I can tell if they are motivated to speak a lot and seem to have intelligent things to say," she said. "Also, if they refer specifically to the notes, it's a sign that they know what they're reading."

Senior English major and *Bullet* staff writer Tom Borak also took a 15-credit workload in fall 2002. Borak spent anywhere from five to seven hours a week on his work, and he feels that other students at Mary Washington spend more time on schoolwork than he does, but are less prepared for classes than they should be.

Joseph Romero, an assistant professor in the department of classics, philosophy, and religion, has been teaching at the college for four years. He characterizes the workload for his courses as "heavy" and recommends the two-to-one ratio as a good guideline for succeeding in his classes.

"I expect anybody who's read 100 pages of Hegel probably has put in more than two hours," he said.

Despite his rigorous assignments, Romero described his students as being "mostly prepared" for class.

Borak, however, thought that over half of students are generally

unprepared.

"They are just looking around as if they really don't know what's going on and are afraid to be called on," he said. "The professor will occasionally ask a specific person who will reveal that he or she did not read and can't answer."

Mike D'Eredita falls into the nine percent of students who do less than six to 15 hours of schoolwork outside of class each week.

"I do what I have to do to get B's and that's about it," D'Eredita said. "I'm trying to improve my degree after I graduate since I'm going in the Marines, so I don't really see a point in doing much more, but some kids do study hard and tend to expand their minds."

A senior history major, D'Eredita said he doesn't really spend any time on schoolwork unless something is due, like a paper.

"Then I stay up all night and do it," he said. "I have a small procrastination problem."

Anna Billingsley, a former adjunct professor, has a different take on students' effort to do well in classes.

"I do feel that to a large degree Mary Washington students are less motivated and that there's a tendency to just do enough to get by," she said. "On average, I'd say about a quarter of the class members are prepared. I can tell by their attentiveness and their responsiveness, or lack thereof."

"I have taught at other institutions where there seems to be much more of a zeal and drive to learn," she added.

Billingsley recognizes that teaching a course that is not part of a specific major may have an effect on students' drive to perform because her class is "peripheral to the students' primary academic focus."

"From a professor's point of view, it is an insult when students fail to show up for class or show up totally unprepared," Billingsley said. "The professor has invested a great deal of time and effort into preparing what she or she will present; it's common courtesy for students to be equally prepared to absorb and respond to what the professor is presenting."

Junior geography major Lisa Egan thinks student apathy comes as a

result of increased dependence upon and use of the Internet.

"The attention span of students has decreased," she said. "Students don't have time to devote to sitting down and reading or studying when they're used to Web pages that fly by in a second."

So why come to college if you're not going to put in the time and effort?

Because, said senior theater major Michael Plummer, there is no motivation to do more when students can get away with less.

"College students do so little work because we are raised in a society where everyone does everything half-assed and there is no punishment," he said.

"This is very self-defeating," Plummer explained. "Because it causes us teachers to expect less and less of us each passing year, and so the cycle continues with each generation getting successively lazier. Students are just in it to get the grades and get out."

Like Plummer, senior physics major Ryan Bodenstein believes that students are eternally looking for the easy way out rather than the way that may make them a better person, but that they expect the highest from others.

"If a professor doesn't make a special exception or explain things perfectly, the student gets pissed," he said. "Meanwhile, [the student] feels that mediocre work is good enough."

Jeffrey McClurken, a history professor and former Mary Washington student, has a different take on college students today.

"There are always some students who don't do the work, but when possible, most students take classes because they are interested in learning more about the subject," he said.

McClurken recognizes that some students may not be in school to increase their knowledge.

"As a teacher, you just have to hope that in [the students'] quest for the grade they might inadvertently learn something," McClurken said.



Left: A foreboding aisle of books on the library's second floor.
Above: Junior Amy Fish reads in a cubby.

Julia Hoffman/Bullet

Julia Hoffman/Bullet

Anime For Beginners

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other family members.

"All aspects of Japanese culture interest me," said junior Dorothy Stevens, club treasurer. "My brother speaks Japanese, so that gives us something to talk about."

Page-Baez thanks her older sister for the enjoyment she gets out of the club.

"My older sister got me involved in Japanese culture," she said. "It is a way for us to be involved in each other's lives."

Singson said anime affects certain aspects of her personality.

"Anime has helped me to become more extroverted," she said. "I used to be really shy. But

this makes you very eccentric."

Page-Baez agreed.

"I enjoy the type of person it brings out in me," she said. "It's kind of a fellowship of the nerds."

The members plan to attend a Japanese Animation convention at the end of the month in Virginia Beach. The convention, a gathering of anime lovers, will feature anime films, karaoke and showcases of costumes of

anime characters. The cost is 17 dollars for each member.

Singson said that the club, like its subject matter, is open to anyone.

"Animation is not just for children, but people of all ages," she said.

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Sports

Just Call Her Falvey

Senior Field Hockey Player Thanks Hard Work, Patriotism For Success



Emily Falvey

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BY JESSICA GOON
Assistant Sports Editor

At the next MWC field hockey game, don't cheer for Emily. No one on the field will know who you are cheering for.

Everyone on the Mary Washington College field hockey team refers to senior starting forward Emily Falvey only as Falvey. In fact, many people don't even know her first name.

"Earlier this year someone from the team introduced me as Megan," Falvey said.

The field hockey team started calling her Falvey because there were two players named Emily when she was a freshman, and the name stuck.

This 5'11" left wing is the tallest girl on the team, but in field hockey, being tall isn't necessarily an asset.

C o a c h e s always tell their players to play as low to the ground as possible, which should be more difficult for Falvey.

MWC field hockey coach Dana Hall knows that Falvey's height isn't a problem.

"Just in our last game Falvey scored a goal by diving on the ground to tie the game," Hall said. "I think she has worked really hard to conquer that disadvantage."

Falvey is the current leading goal scorer for the #9 ranked Eagles, and is second on the team in total points.

"Oh, I am? I don't really know how they do points," Falvey said.

She added one of her favorite things about the team is how there isn't one star player.

"We all really rely on each other, there isn't just one person we look to in close games," Falvey said.

Falvey has been playing field hockey for eight years but has had to work hard to get where she is today. As an underclassman, Falvey fought for playing time with the rest of the team. She has already scored more goals in six games this season than she did all of last season.

"I've worked hard every year to get to where I am, so this year is it, this is what I've been working for."

Teammate Meghan McMahon has played with Falvey all four years and has seen her improve each season.

"She is playing more confident this year and she's improved not only in scoring goals, but also in her stick skills,"

McMahon said.

At the last home game, the field hockey team put up signs all around the field to motivate the team. Instead of a sign for Falvey, the team chose a large American flag shower curtain with her jersey #8 spray-painted on it.

When somebody walks into Falvey's room the first thing seen is a large American flag above her bed. You can also notice her red, white, and blue sheets, or the dozens of American flag pictures hanging on her walls.

"I was in my dad's office at the end of my freshman year in college and there was a photo on his wall of an eagle perched on the American flag," Falvey said. "He got me my own copy of it for my room and I've been hooked ever since."

Seeing the huge American Flag on the fence outside the hockey field definitely pumped Falvey up for the game.

"The national anthem pumps me up too, I always put my hand over my heart and I pray. I just stare right at the flag and it calms me down right before the game."

-Emily Falvey

"I just stare right at the flag and it calms me down right before the game."

The MWC field hockey team is determined to win the national championship this year. This team, led by nine senior starting players, wants to make its last season perfect. So come out to the next game cheer on #8, bring an American flag, just don't call her Emily.

The Emily Falvey

File
Hometown: Alexandria, Va.

High School: West Potomac

Major: Business

Team Leader In: Goals, Points, Shots, Shots on Goal

Simply Known As:
"Falvey"

Volleyball Sweeps Salisbury in 3-0 Final

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Senior Lauren Eigel had eight kills and 13 digs and senior Beth Harker added six kills and 13 digs to lead Mary Washington's volleyball team to a 3-0 win (30-25, 30-25, 31-29) over Salisbury in the Capital Athletic Conference opener for both teams. Mary Washington improves to 5-4 overall.

Junior defensive specialist Jackie Durr paced MWC's stellar defensive showing with a team-high 19 digs. Freshman Kate Feldman added 16 digs and three service aces. Sophomore setter Sarah Blehm finished with 20 assists.

WOMEN'S SOCCER STUNS LVC

The Mary Washington College women's soccer team improved to 3-4-1 on the season with a 3-0 win at Lebanon Valley College on Sunday. The Eagles received goals from Kathryn Amitrashie, Jackie Forsythe, and Amanda Cenerelli in the victory. The Eagles will visit Goucher College on Thursday at 4 p.m. with the game broadcast live on the MWC Athletics website.

FIELD HOCKEY ENDS IN 5-2 VICTORY

The ninth-ranked MWC field hockey team came from behind by man for 81:30 of the contest. The Eagles will host St. Mary's College on



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Mens soccer in action

erupting for five second half goals in defeating #19 Franklin & Marshall College, 5-2, at the Battleground on Sunday. Senior Emily Falvey and Meghan McMahon each scored a pair of goals and freshman Taylor Victor netted the game winner as the Eagles scored four times in a nine minute span to take the win. Trailing 1-0 at halftime despite outshooting the guests, 7-4, the Eagles tied the score on a goal by Falvey with six minutes elapsed in the second stanza. F&M answered right back with a tally just 34 seconds later. MWC then reeled off four straight goals to claim a hard-fought victory.

MEN'S SOCCER FALLS IN OVERTIME

The MWC men's soccer team dropped a overtime decision to Longwood University on Saturday, 2-1. The Eagles gave up a goal in the tenth minute, and then in the 20th minute, freshman Glenn Gray was given a red card. Playing a man down, the Eagles knotted the score on a header by Caleb Billmeier in the 42nd minute off of a direct kick from Ryan Kish. Longwood's Matt Connelly netted the game winner for the Lancers with 1:30 elapsed in the second overtime. In all, MWC played down a

Wednesday at 4 pm in MWC's conference opener.

CROSS COUNTRY FAIRS WELL IN NY

The Mary Washington College cross country teams participated at the New York University Invitational on Saturday, with the women finishing sixth and the men placing tenth overall.

For the women, who took sixth place with 198 points, junior Erin Connolly was the top finisher, at 20:23, followed by freshman Lilly Becker at 20:51. Freshman Joanna Long finished third for the Eagles at 20:57, along with senior Caitlin Kinkead, followed by sophomore Whitney Gray at 21:01.

The Eagles men, who placed tenth with 288 points, were paced by junior Matt Kirk, who finished with a time of 27:33, and junior Todd Kronenberg, who finished at 27:53. Sophomore Jason Call was third for the Eagles at 28:32, followed by Jason Hough at 28:48, and Jake Rod at 28:54.

Mary Washington will be back in action next Saturday at the George Washington University Invitational at 10 am.

SOCCER TOPS REGIONAL RANKINGS

The Mary Washington College men's and women's soccer teams are both ranked regionally this week, as the men, on the heels of a 2-1 double overtime loss to Division I Longwood, fall to seventh in the South Region. The women's team jumped into the Mid Atlantic regional rankings at ninth after topping tenth-ranked Lebanon Valley on the road this week, 3-0.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 27—Field Hockey vs. Roanoke College, 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27—Men's Soccer vs. Goucher College, 4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27—Women's Soccer vs. Washington & Lee University, 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27—Cross Country at George Washington University Invitational, 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 26-27—Volleyball at Johns Hopkins University Tournament, 7 p.m.



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Honoring a MWC Alumnus

By GABRIELA CASTANADA
Special to the Bullet

In commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month the Hispanic Student Association will be remembering the life of former Mary Washington student Gabriela Castanada, as well as, showing a movie about Archbishop Oliver Romero on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Latin America, as much of the rest of the world, has been plagued by a series of civil wars and political turmoil for much of its post-colonial existence.

During the 1970s and 1980s, military rule governed everyday life in El Salvador, a small country located in the middle of Central America. Many non-governmental institutions attempted to become channels by which the voices of the poor and indigent in the countryside could be expressed. The Catholic Church was one of these institutions.

During these times, the military persistently fought to grow and expand in power and authority. Those who stepped in their way were murdered or made to "disappear." Since 1979 over 60,000 people are recorded as killed due to the intense amounts of violence and warfare and many people are still unaccounted for.

Jean Donovan, a Mary Washington College graduate in her mid-twenties, and Oscar Romero, a Catholic priest later appointed Archbishop in El Salvador, were two of the thousands of individuals who fought for peace and justice in the country. Fervently despised and threatened, these two individuals gave



Gabriela Castanada

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File Sharers Beware

Music Industry Cracks Down On Internet Copyright Violations



The Industry cracking down.

By KATIE JENSEN
Staff Writer

Recently, students downloading music on the internet have been running scared due to a series of lawsuits filed by music industry officials.

"Even an idiot wouldn't pay 20 bucks for a whole CD that they'll only like maybe three songs on it when you can pick and choose what songs they want for free [from the internet]," junior Leslie Lefke said.

On the other hand, the average college student does not have \$250,000 for the fees that they'll have to pay if they're caught.

Recording Industry of America (RIAA) is an organization that aims "to make the Internet a legitimate marketplace for sound recordings" according to their website. Their efforts focus on

educating users about authorized ways to use the Internet as a source of music. RIAA estimates that the music industry loses \$4.2 billion each year as a result of piracy.

The soaring prices of CDs and the variety and anonymity provided by the internet all motivated students to begin downloading songs from Napster, Kazaa, Morpheus and similar software.

"My dad and I fight about it all the time at home. He thinks it's wrong, I think standing up to something you don't think is right, a.k.a changing 20 bucks for a CD, is necessary," Lefke said.

Many students are confused by the RIAA's recent crackdown.

"If I couldn't get the music for free I probably wouldn't

pay to get it so since they wouldn't be getting my money anyways, I'm not really costing them [music companies] anything" said junior Jeff Mitchell.

Students appear to have different takes on the RIAA's crackdown. Lefke said that she stopped downloading, "I know that if I keep doing it, something will happen, but if I don't then it will just blow over."

Chris Coffman seems less fearful.

"I think the odds of getting caught are slim" he said.

If a student is caught, the repercussions are severe. The RIAA estimates a penalty of up to three years imprisonment and \$250,000 in fines. Repeat offenders face up to six years and \$150,000 for each copyright violation.

The college does not track content on the internet. "The College does not police content on the network for possible copyright violations – it doesn't have the resources to do so," Chip German, vice president for information technologies said. "We give higher

technical priority to the types of network traffic usually associated with academic activity (i.e., e-mail and web-related traffic) than to the types associated with peer-to-peer file sharing."

Honor Council President Brian Reagan said that the Honor Council has yet to come across the topic of piracy, but plan to discuss the issue in the

future.

The RIAA defines copyright as "a term of intellectual property law that prohibits the unauthorized duplication, adaptation or distribution of a creative work."

There are two kinds of copyright, musical composition and sound recording. Musical composition refers to lyrics and the artist's personal notes, which are owned by the songwriter or publisher. Sound recordings are the actual recording of a performer, owned by the record company.

Internet piracy also has possible far-reaching consequences. First, the pirates lose because the recordings are often lower-quality and piracy drives up the costs of the real products.

Second, retailers go out of business because they can't compete with the prices offered by pirates. The result is less honest retailers who sell cheap legitimate products on the market and less jobs often filled by young adults.

Third, record companies and artists lose. The revenue from 85 percent of the recordings released does not cover their production costs. The record companies rely on the other 15% to cover their expenses, and 95% of artists rely on the royalties from these sales.

Musical group "Tool" told the RIAA "Basically, it's about music – if you didn't create it, why should you exploit it? True fans don't rip off their artists."

Students Hunker Down, Do Stuff

By LAUREN DeANGELIS
Features Editor

In the early morning hours of Friday, Sept. 19, senior Mandy Cox, a resident of the MWC Apartments, felt her apartment building shake. Hurricane Isabel brought down two trees onto the building, and a third a few feet from the window—an ordinarily startling experience. Yet with no electricity and the college's "shelter in place" protocol in effect, the accident became something quite different for Cox and her buddies.

"I wasn't really very scared," Cox said. "Honestly, it provided entertainment watching the emergency people outside and all the cars that were blocked because a tree fell on William Street. To pass the time we stood on our balcony and watched everything go by."

Without the Internet, TV or even light, students confined to dorms and apartments across campus were forced to find equally odd ways of entertaining themselves.

When the lights went out at 9:30 p.m., seniors Elizabeth Keller and Nancy Nguyen resorted to hula hooping and playing the piano in the Ball Hall parlor.

"The darkness is actually kind of entertaining, as long as the cockroaches don't come out," Keller said.

Nguyen added, "We pretty much wandered the building in the dark. Then we beamed flashlights out the window to Virginia Hall for a while."

Sophomore Erin Evans, also a Ball Hall resident, said that people split up into groups to pass the time.

"A group of us got together and played sardines in the dorm," she said. "There were also groups of cards going on in the foyer."

Junior Jessika Wang, who had never

lost power for more than five minutes prior to the recent blackout, played capitalism and Egyptian ratskew with a group of friends. Like many other students, she felt the games were not enough to combat the lack of electricity.

"I wanna slap people," Wang said in frustration. "I think having the power go out is kind of fun, but it gets old really fast. I'm starting to smell."

Junior Monica Chan had a similar story.

"I wanna take a shower," she said. "I can't see, I can't pee, I don't have a phone signal, and I can't study. I can't do anything."

Aside from boredom, the power outage caused other problems for some on-campus students.

"My roommate wouldn't go to the bathroom because she was afraid of missing the toilet," Wang said.

Sophomore Josephine Chan ended up in a slippery situation when her refrigerator automatically defrosted.

"My refrigerator didn't have a tray to catch the water," she said. "So I stepped into the room and wondered why my feet were getting wet. The water had seeped about three or four feet from under the fridge."

Monica Chan dealt with worries of a different kind.

"I worried about my Hot Pockets going bad," she said.

But even spoiled food and milk paled in comparison to the troubles students had

with the darkness itself. In most dorms, emergency battery-operated lights in the hallways provided relief for a few hours. After that, flashlights became a hot commodity.

"It was the scariest thing when the lights completely went off," Josephine Chan said. "Even when you shined a flashlight down the hall, you could see shadows."

Seniors Julia Hoffmann and Pamela Jones said that most stores they went to were sold out of flashlights.

They considered themselves lucky to find one at Wal-Mart, though it was a bit eccentric.

"We ended up getting a flashlight meant for little kids because it was all we could find," Jones said. "It is pink and in the shape of an elephant. And it opens its mouth and makes an elephant noise whenever you turn it on."

Other students, such as Monica Chan, didn't prepare as well.

"We should have bought a flashlight," Chan said.

Chan, like many others, was able to borrow a flashlight from a friend. Mutual sharing also occurred in the form of grouping together.

"It feels like everybody bonded over this," Nguyen said. "We got to see different people that we never saw before."

Sophomore Stephanie Basile was even able to bond with people outside the dorm, as she spent a large chunk of the time on the phone.

"It was a good time to catch up with friends from home," she said.

Whether it was talking on cell phones, playing cards or watching the cleanup of several fallen trees, students entertained themselves in any way they could during the Hurricane Isabel Blackout.

According to Josephine Chan, some of the things students resorted to could only be considered as a complete necessity.

"You needed to do what you needed to do," she said.



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Laura Rawlett,
Junior



"Your Mom."

Anne Claire Shilton,
Sophomore

Film Remembering MWC Martyr

MWC Graduate Raped, Tortured and Murdered On A South American Mission

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freely of themselves to be able to help those who were not able to speak for themselves.

Graduating with a liberal arts degree in economics, young Donovan pursued a career in accounting, working for Arthur Andersen. Donovan quit her job and sold everything to move down to El Salvador. In the small town of La Libertad, she used her gifts in accounting to help of Maryknoll Sisters. Going to El Salvador was extremely dangerous during this time.

Liberation theology in El Salvador constituted in speaking out against violence, injustice, and oppression. Donovan and Romero embraced this ideology fully. In John Dear's biography of Jean Donovan, it said that priests and churchworkers alike "pressed for justice for the poor, an end to the violence,

and for the basic human rights of food, shelter, and land for the oppressed people."

Donovan spent most of her time in the streets of her town recovering mutilated bodies and people killed by the death squads. Corrupt paramilitary groups raped, murdered, and tortured thousands of peasants and anyone who dared to speak out against them.

Raped, tortured, and murdered, Donovan's body was discovered on the side of a dirt road near the airport. Along with three other women, their deaths were used as threats against the Church and as a sign to remain silent or it would result in violence and injustice

towards the Salvadoran people.

"I am bound, as a pastor, by divine command to give my life for those whom I love, and that is all Salvadorans, even those who are going to kill me."

Roman died two weeks before his assassination.

On Sunday March 23, 1980 Romero addressed the armed forces directly, imploring the men of the army to "stop the repression." The very next day, Archbishop Romero was shot while celebrating mass. He died from severe

bleeding.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, members would like to honor and remember the sacrifices these two individuals made with their lives.

The most amazing part of their sacrifice was that they did it whole-heartedly, never thinking of themselves but always thinking of the people they were serving. Archbishop Romero once said, "My life has been threatened many times. I have to confess that as a Christian I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they kill me, I will rise again in the Salvadoran people," Romero said.

He believed that his efforts in helping the people now would ultimately give them courage to speak for themselves and fight for justice. Donovan greatly admired Romero, claiming that he really was the voice of the people and they responded to him.

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The Bandwagon Approach

We Don't Need No Education, No Thought Control

Dear Editor:

The media is a powerful tool in our nation, and more specifically to our school. Last week Colin Gold accused the *Bullet* of printing propaganda in order to sway students away from drugs. Though Gold is correct in stating ("All Along the Watchtower," *Bullet* Sept. 11, 2003) that the bandwagon approach is considered a fallacy in logical debate, he is drastically wrong in accusing *The Bullet* of "promoting those archaic institutions" that spread propaganda.

Last week I asked a young adult why he started smoking. His answer was that everyone around him was smoking, so he picked up on it. The war on drugs is not a debate. One can cite all the facts about why drugs are damaging all they want, but facts aren't going to stop peer pressure from happening. The way to fight peer pressure is to use peer pressure.

People don't want to be singled out or alone. They want to be part of the bandwagon. Stating that the majority of Mary Washington students don't smoke weed encourages those who are around drug users to say no, because they know that they are not alone in saying it.

Gold needs to get his priorities straight before writing such outlandish editorials. The point of the statistic wasn't to win a debate. It

was to promote good health by encouraging Mary Washington students to stay off of drugs. Real life results of keeping students off of drugs are far more important than a debate over why a person should or shouldn't use drugs.

Laura Pantazis is a senior

**When MWC
students
read posters,
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into
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propaganda.**

**We're
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Students' response to MWC's campaign against drugs.

Defending The Record Industry

With My Mind On My Money, And My Money On My Mind

Dear Editor:

I reading the article that supported the "sharing" of music over the Internet (Editorial, "Condemning the Record Industry," *Bullet* Sept. 18, 2003), I felt it necessary to bring a few bits of information to light.

There is nothing magical about music. Copyrighted music is the intellectual property of the artists and producers who have spent many days, weeks, and in some cases, years making that music. Therefore, taking without paying is still stealing.

If you get caught, you could face MWC Honor Code penalties, which include expulsion.

When you steal music, you are contributing to everyday employees of recording industries being laid off.

Most artists out there don't want you stealing their

music. For more information, see their testimonials on www.musicunited.org.

The 12-year old girl that was mentioned in the article last week only had to pay \$2,000 in the end, not \$150,000. In addition, P2P United (a group of "peer to peer" networks including Kazaa and LimeWire) is flipping the bill for the family.

Even though the Recording Industry Association of America does overprice CD's, two wrongs don't make a right (old philosophy, but still true).

I myself do a bit of recording, including on-campus groups such as Bellacapella and Invoice. When people steal music, I feel they insult the work that people like me do to produce the polished product. Fight the Recording Industry the legal way by either boycotting CD buying (without obtaining the music illegally), joining class-action lawsuits, etc. Don't try to be

Robin Hood by stealing from the record labels, because shooting arrows at the Recording Industry Association of America will only end up hurting everyday Americans, and possibly yourself as well.

Jeff Longo is a junior.

"Don't try to be Robin Hood by stealing from the record labels, because shooting arrows at the RIAA will only end up hurting everyday Americans"

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sound of the keyboard....
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WHERE'S
MY CELL?

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AS MARY WASHINGTON LOSES ITS POWER, MANY STUDENTS PANIC OVER THEIR LACK OF AIM



DUDE, WHERE'S MY CAR?!

"EUROPEAN CAPITALS"

LONDON, PARIS, VIENNA, VENICE AND ROME

For the twelfth time, the Departments of History/American Studies and Political Science/International Affairs are sponsoring a six-credit course that will take students to Europe for twenty-six days during the first term of summer school in 2004. Students can experience the Europe of yesterday, today, and tomorrow by visiting London, Paris, Vienna, Venice and Rome. The six credits for the course can be used as part of the major programs in History, Political Science, or International Affairs or as elective credit for students not in those majors.

THE TRIP - Leaving from Dulles International Airport in Washington during the second week of May, the group will fly to London for a six-day stay, and then travel to the continent to spend five days in Paris, three days in Vienna, three days in Venice, and five days in Rome. There will be four days for travel between London and Paris (by train via the Channel under the English Channel), Paris and Vienna (by train through the Alps), Vienna and Venice (by bus also through the Alps) and Venice and Rome (also by bus). The group will return to Washington from Berlin on June 4.

THE COURSE - This is a unique course for Mary Washington College students. It does not duplicate what is already offered on the College campus but relies instead on material and experiences "on site." Interdisciplinary in nature and team-taught, this course, by taking advantage of the unique cultural and academic resources that exist in the five capital cities, provides students with unmatched opportunities for study and learning. Students will be asked to read from texts that contain materials pertinent to the intellectual, cultural, economic, and political contributions the five capital cities have made to European history. Students will also have the opportunity to attend an artistic performance in several of the cities and assess the artistic contributions of the societies with visits to major museums.

THE FACULTY - An interdisciplinary faculty will teach the course. Professor Porter Blakemore from History and Professor John Kramer from Political Science and International Affairs will accompany the students from city to city.

ELIGIBILITY - "European Capitals" is open to all Mary Washington College students interested in the history, culture and politics of Europe. Yet, there are a limited number of places available for this course and spots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

COSTS - Excluding the tuition for a six-credit course, the cost per student will be \$4,295. This fee includes all costs for airfare, lodging and breakfasts, one-day excursions, and most costs for intra-city transportation and admission to museums and cultural sites.

QUESTIONS? - For further details, attend the Study Abroad Fair September 19 in the Great Hall or our information meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Monroe 202 on Wednesday, October 1. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mr. Blakemore or Mr. Kramer (at extensions 1588 or 1495 respectively). The deadline for participation is October 15.

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Worth Stokes/Bulletin

Senior Aaron Layman is not in favor of the new Underground policies.

No Mo' Smoking

The Underground Cracks Down On Smoke And Crowds

By MARY DAVID

Staff Writer

The Underground recently instituted new policies regarding smoking and holding capacity. Smoking is now prohibited within the building and the number of people allowed inside at one time has been reduced to 100.

Merideth Munoz, manager of the Underground, said she just found out about the new smoking regulations at the end of summer and the limited capacity a few weeks ago.

"There was disappointment from the staff and students," she said. "But we were told there was nothing we could do about it because it's the law."

Tami Goodstein, director of Student Activities, said smoking policies have changed because the Underground shares an air-handling system with the bookstore.

"The smoke from the Underground was going up to the bookstore," Goodstein said. "State law prohibits us from allowing [people to smoke in] working environments."

The Underground, located in the basement of Lee Hall, is a popular meeting place for all students, particularly on nights and weekends.

"It is a pretty versatile venue," said Eric Bruner-Yang, an Underground employee. "You can study, hang out and go to a lot of school-sponsored events, shows, dances, etc."

In response to the deaths at a club in R.I.,

administrators had to reevaluate safety issues in the Underground, Goodstein said.

Last February, 96 people died in a fire in West Warwick, R.I. Over 150 other people were injured in the fire that started due to the explosion of fireworks during a Great White concert being held in the night club, according to www.CNN.com.

The Underground was particularly popular with smokers.

Whitney Solomon, a sophomore, frequents the building two to three times a week.

"Having a place inside to smoke was the best thing about the Underground," she said.

Student response to the new smoking policy varies.

"The smoke used to really turn me off," Kristal Jackson said. "Now that smoking there has been banned, I think I would be more inclined to go there."

Others, particularly smokers, are frustrated.

"I know about the smoking policy and I hate it," Solomon said. "We all have to leave every time we have a smoke. When it gets cold it will suck."

Munoz said she feels the smoking policy has "torn the campus in half. Some people thought it would cut our business down, but nonsmokers or people who have never come in because of smoke or allergies were happy."

There are some students whose opinions fall in

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Hail To The Chief

Snipes Gets Promoted To Chief Of Police

By LINDSAY EVANS

Staff Writer

Sixteen years ago, J.C. Snipes said he never would have imagined himself as chief of police at Mary Washington College or anywhere else.

"I never in a million years expected to be a police chief," Snipes said.

Snipes was promoted from lieutenant to chief of police this year.

He began his career at the Orange County Sheriff's Office, where he remained for eight years. After that he worked at the Greene County Sheriff's Department for three years.

"After 11 years with the Sheriff's office I wanted different challenges," he said.

Eventually, Snipes said he found himself looking for job openings at the University of Virginia, The College of William and Mary and Mary Washington College. There were several factors Snipes considered before choosing which school he wanted to attend, but in the end it was Mary Washington College that won him over.

"I liked the size of the college, the atmosphere here and the location," he said. "What really impressed me the most was the policies and procedures the school enforces."

Looking to further his educational experiences, Snipes also chose this college because of the educational opportunities provided to the faculty.

"I hope to eventually get a degree in law because it's something I have always had a knack for," he said. "After getting this management position I have found myself gravitating towards public policy management."

Snipes said there were several qualifications and training requirements he had to complete before earning his position. Not only did he have to have extensive experience in law enforcement and investigations, but he also had to be skilled in management, business and financial procedures and weapons proficiency.

"He has worked himself up," said Communications Officer Paul Dowell. "He knows organizations outside the police department which makes him very familiar with the campus and its people."

Last March, Snipes also completed specialized management training with the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, a state-wide organization.

Being the new chief of police also requires a huge time commitment one that lasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"It's not much different from being lieutenant except I am on call twenty-four seven and sometimes that makes it difficult to separate yourself," Snipes

said.

While being the chief of police requires most of his time, Snipes said there are several benefits that come from holding this type of administrative position.

"I have the ability to be able to shape and influence department policy and procedure according to what I think is best," he said. "It is nice to have a voice in that."

Snipes said now that he has a larger influence than ever on the procedures and policies of the school, his judgments and decisions will have a lasting impression on others. Within the police department, his influence on those policies is a positive thing, he said.

"[Snipes] is a people person who is very fair minded," said Dowell. "He takes unsolicited opinions and he is very deliberate in his decision making."

With his new position also came the introduction of many new people, especially department heads, with whom he works closely.

"Another reason that I liked Mary Washington so much was because it is a great place to work and the staff here is phenomenal," Snipes said. "I really like the personal detail here."

Snipes said the size of Mary Washington College has allowed him to get to know many of the staff members, a perk that many of the larger colleges could not allow. This factor, Snipes said, is the reason he does not see himself leaving anytime soon.

"I see myself staying here for quite a while," Snipes said. "I love this college setting and really enjoy the environment I am in."

Snipes said he has found that his new position has him interacting with students on a different level than before.

"I am not out until 2 a.m. anymore with the students like I used to be, but I do get more involved with students when a specific issue occurs," he said. "I deal more with administrative type issues at this point."

After meeting Snipes for the first time, William Chi, a freshman employed by the campus police, said Snipes is an exceptionally knowledgeable person on the laws and policies of the school.

"He is a really nice guy who knows what he is talking about regarding laws," Chi said. "He was easy to get along with and was willing to answer my questions regarding policies and procedures."

The police staff said they are just as impressed with Snipes' knowledge and fair-minded judgments.

"I think Snipes will benefit the school greatly," said Officer Ray Akers. "He is a great man and a good, fair person who gets the job done. It has been a pleasure working with him."

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